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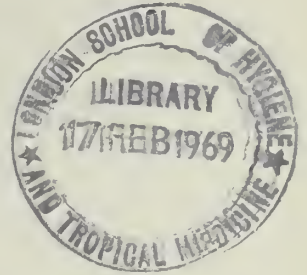
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the Year 1967

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May, 1968.

TO: His Worship the Mayor,
Aldermen and Councillors
of the BOROUGH of ARUNDEL.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Twentieth Annual Report on the Health of the Borough and the work of the Public Health Department during the Year 1967.

I wish to express my thanks to Members of the Council for their help, and to Mr. H.W. Simmonds, your Surveyor and Public Health Inspector, who has supplied most of the material for the Report.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient ~~Servant~~,
~~Servant~~

V.P. GEDGHEGAN

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION I.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

This small country town on the banks of the River Arun is a shopping centre for the surrounding villages.

The population finds employment in agriculture and its ancillary industries, on the Norfolk Estate and in retail and catering trades encouraged by the increasing number of Summer visitors.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area in Acres	2,054
Registrar-General's Estimate of Home Population :	
Mid-Year 1966	2,680
Mid-Year 1967:	2,710
Number of Inhabited Dwellings	1,038
Rateable Value (31st December, 1967)	£ 118,638
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate	£ 466

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births

ARUNDEL BOROUGH								Birth Rate per 1,000 Population		
Total number (after adjustment for transfers)						Birth Rate per 1,000 population		West Sussex Districts		England and Wales
Year	Total	Sex		Illegitimate		Crude		Rural	Urban	
		M	F	Number	%		Corr.			
1966	38	22	16	3	7.9	14.18	18.00	17.7	16.0	17.7
1967	43	24	19	5	11.6	15.9	20.19	18.7	15.4	17.2

Stillbirths.

ARUNDEL BOROUGH				Rate per 1,000 total	
Total Number (after adjustment for transfers)				(live & still) Births	
Year	Total	Sex		Arundel Borough	England and Wales
		M	F		
1966	1	-	1	25.6	15.4
1967	-	-	-	-	14.8

Vital Statistics (Contd.)

Total (live and still) Births

<u>1967.</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Live Births	..	24	19	43
Still Births	..	-	-	-
TOTAL BIRTHS		<u>24</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>43</u>

Infant Mortality - Deaths of Infants under 1 year.

INFANT DEATHS					RATES PER 1000 LIVE BIRTHS			
ARUNDEL BOROUGH					Arundel Borough	West Sussex		England and Wales
Year	Total	Sex		Illegitimate.		R.D's.	U.D's.	
		M	F					
1966		-	-	-	-	14.8	14.2	19.0
1967		-	-	-	-	12.1	13.3	18.3

INFANT MORTALITY RATES		-	ARUNDEL BOROUGH
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births		Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	
(1966)	-	-	
(1967)	-	-	

	Neo-natal Mortality (Deaths under 4 Weeks)		Early Neo-Natal Mortality (Deaths under 1 Week)		Perinatal Mortality (Stillbirths and Deaths under 1 week combined)	
	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967	1966
Total Deaths ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1
Mortality Rate per 1000 total live births	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Mortality Rate per 1,000 total live & still births					Nil	25.6

Rates for England and Wales :

Neonatal Mortality	-	12.5 per 1,000 live births
Early Neonatal Mortality	-	10.8 per 1,000 live births
Perinatal Mortality	-	25.4 per 1,000 total live and still births.

Vital Statistics (Contd.)

Maternal Deaths (including Abortion)

Arundel Borough		Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 total births			
Year	Total Deaths	Arundel Borough	West Sussex		England and Wales
			R.D's.	U.D's.	
1966	-	-	-	-	0.26
1967	-	-	-	-	0.20

Deaths

ARUNDEL BOROUGH						WEST SUSSEX DISTRICTS		ENGLAND AND WALES
Total Deaths (after adjustment for transfers)				Death Rates per 1,000 population		Death Rate per 1000 population		Death Rate per 1000 population
Year	Total	Sex		Crude	Corr.	Rural	Urban	
		M	F					
1966	35	21	14	13.06	9.01	9.1	10.1	11.7
1967	56	29	27	20.7	14.07	9.1	10.0	11.2

The chief causes of death were:

	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>
(i) Cancer	19	6
(ii) Diseases of heart and circulatory system	17	19
(iii) Vascular lesions of nervous system	6	4
(iv) Respiratory diseases ..	4	5

The above four causes accounted for 46 or 82% of the total deaths recorded during the year.

Of the total deaths, 42 or 75% occurred in persons aged 65 years or over.

The table on Page 7 shows the causes of death, ages and sex distribution.

Table of Causes of Death at different periods of Life - 1967.

List No.	Causes of Death	Sex	All Ages	Weeks		Y e a r s						
				0-	4-	1-	5-	25-	45-	55-	65-	75-
	ALL CAUSES	M	29	-	-	-	-	1	1	7	8	12
		F	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	7	15
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	M	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Malignant Neoplasm, stomach	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
11	Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-
		F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
12	Malignant Neoplasm, breast	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
13	Malignant Neoplasm, uterus	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
14	Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
		F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
16	Diabetes	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
		F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
18	Coronary disease, angina	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2
		F	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	4
20	Other Heart Disease	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
23	Pneumonia	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
24	Bronchitis	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
		F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
33	Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
34	All Other Accidents	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
35	Suicide	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

No deaths were recorded as due to: (2) Tuberculosis, Other; (3) Syphilitic Disease; (4) Diphtheria; (5) Whooping Cough; (6) Meningococcal Infection; (7) Acute Poliomyelitis; (8) Measles; (9) Other infective and parasitic diseases; (15) Leukaemia; (19) Hypertension with heart disease; (21) Other circulatory disease; (22) Influenza; (25) Other diseases of respiratory system; (26) Ulcer of stomach and duodenum; (27) Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea; (28) Nephritis and Nephrosis; (29) Hyperplasia of Prostate; (30) Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion; (31) Congenital malformations; (36) Homicide and operations of war.

SECTION II.GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.Hospitals:

The hospitals providing accommodation and treatment for residents of the Borough are administered by the South-West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board, and are as follows :

Hospital	Telephone Number	Number of Beds
<u>General Hospitals:</u>		
<u>ROYAL WEST SUSSEX HOSPITAL :</u>		
(St. Richard's, Spitalfield Lane, Chichester	Chichester 82671	400
(Broyle Road, Chichester	82685	202
Southlands Hospital, Shoreham-by-Sea	Shoreham 2381	411
Worthing Hospital, Lyndhurst Road, Worthing	Worthing 7282	205
Arundel and District Hospital, Chichester Road, Arundel	Arundel 3243	20 *
(* 12 Acute Medical (General Practitioner) beds, and 8 Chronic/Geriatric beds for relief short-stay cases.		
<u>Infectious Diseases Hospital :</u>		
Swandean Isolation Hospital, Arundel Road, Worthing	Swandean 1821	9 +
(+ Non operative due to lack of staff)		129 *
(* Staffed and available for Geriatric Cases).		
<u>Chest Hospitals :</u>		
Aldingbourne Chest Hospital and Chest Clinic Norton, Near Chichester	Eastergate 2229	54
Aldingbourne Chest Hospital Annexe and Chest Clinic, Hawthorn Road, Bognor	Bognor Regis 151	45
<u>Maternity :</u>		
Zachary Merton Maternity Home, Rustington	Rustington 4155	54
Sussex Maternity Home and Women's Hospital, 80, Buckingham Road, Brighton	Brighton 25741	62

General Provision of Health Services (Contd.)

Examinations are carried out for this Authority by the Public Health Laboratory at St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth. Two samples of water from the public mains supply were forwarded during the year.

Ambulances

The Local Health Authority (the West Sussex County Council) provides an ambulance service with ambulances operating from Littlehampton. The same Authority provides a hospital car service in the area.

Home Nursing and Midwifery.

The West Sussex County Council provides nursing services.

All nursing staff in the Arundel area are attached to General Practitioners.

Treatment Centres and Clinics.

		<u>Held at:</u>
Audiology	-	Chichester
Infant Welfare Centres	)	Arundel,
Ante-Natal Clinics	)	Chichester
School Clinics (Minor Ailments)	)	and
Eye Clinics	)	Littlehampton
Dental Clinics	-	Held in Mobile Dental Unit
Orthopaedic Clinic	-	Littlehampton
Speech Therapy Clinic	-	Littlehampton and in Schools
Chest Clinic	-	Aldingbourne Chest Hospital
Venereal Diseases Clinics	-	Worthing Hospital, and Royal West Sussex Hospital, St. Richard's Chichester.

SECTION III.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

Water Supply

The Borough is within the area supplied by the Water Undertaking of the Worthing Corporation.

The supply is from a borehole and well situated off Mill Road near Swanbourne Lake. It is pumped unfiltered to reservoirs in Arundel Park and Herons Wood, and is chlorinated at the Waterworks before distribution.

Every house in the Borough has a piped main water supply.

Two specimens of chlorinated water from consumers taps were submitted for bacteriological examination and were found to be of satisfactory purity. No samples were submitted for full chemical, mineral and bacteriological examination.

During the year some 880 yards of new 3" mains were laid in the Chichester Road area by the Water Board, with a view to improving existing supplies and linking terminals at Park Farm and Jarvis Road.

Drainage and Sewerage.

The Council have two sewage disposal works - a small works in Fitzalan Road on the south side of the River Arun, and the main works in Ford Road on the north side. In addition, there are four small works put in by private estate developers which take drainage from 40 houses. The outfalls are to the River Arun which necessitates holding tanks as the River is tidal.

There are several other direct outfalls from the soil and surface water sewers to the River apart from the outfalls previously mentioned. The majority of these are penstock controlled, some manually and some automatic. Nearly all of these outfalls are in the old town section of the Borough.

The sewers are partially separated, some rain water is received into the sewage works, the remainder into separate sewers which discharge into the River Arun.

The main sewage works in Ford Road do no more than act as holding chambers before the untreated sewage is discharged into the River Arun.

No major works of alteration were carried out at either of the sewage works, but 100 yards of storm water sewer was laid during the year in Canada Road.

Back flooding of the soil and storm water sewers took place in several parts of the Town. This was mainly due to high tides which occasionally lock the various outfalls, and also to faulty penstocks. Two penstocks to the sewer outfalls were renewed during 1967 and routine examination and flushing of several sewers was carried out.

Drainage and Sewerage (Contd.)

Thirty-seven premises have water carriage sanitation and either run to cesspools, septic tanks or soakaways. All these premises are situated in positions which make it impossible to connect to a sewer, or where main drainage is not available.

No cesspool emptying is carried out by the Corporation.

Public Conveniences

The Corporation owns two buildings housing public conveniences, one for each sex on the Town Quay and the other in Mill Road (Ladies only). All sections have facilities for hand washing.

Rivers and Streams

No action was necessary to check pollution of streams in the area. A varying number of vessels are moored to wharves on the River Arun. These craft are mainly for Summer use and the number of moorings continues to increase.

Public Cleansing

The collection of household refuse throughout the Borough is carried out weekly by the Corporation and trade refuse is also removed by agreement. Four men are fully engaged on refuse collection and disposal.

The partial salvage of waste paper and scrap metals has continued during the year, and the following materials were salvaged and sold :-

	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>Qrs.</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>
Waste Paper ..	13	9	-	30.	16.	0.
Non-Ferrous Metals		3	2	13.	8.	6.
Ferrous Metals ..		13	-	3.	5.	0.
Textiles ..		5	-	2.	13.	6.
	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>£ 50.</u>	<u>3.</u>	<u>0.</u>

The filling of the lower ravine in Canada Road, adjacent to the old tip, has continued, a large quantity of soil becoming available for this purpose. Indiscriminate depositing of soil by contractors with no effort at levelling produces difficulties.

Tipping has continued satisfactorily at the Chichester Road quarry tip. This was again largely due to a fairly plentiful supply of soil for covering becoming available. Disposal of refuse is carried out by "controlled tipping", and one employee is engaged full-time on the tip for this purpose. Every effort is made to keep the potential menace of flies and rats on the tip under control by regular spraying and treatment. A tip fire on the 25th March put the main tipping area out of use until the 24th April despite the efforts of the Fire Brigade.

Public Cleansing (Contd.)

Part III of the Civic Amenities Act 1967, requires local authorities to establish places where residents may deposit refuse, other than business refuse, free of charge, and deals particularly with disposal of abandoned vehicles, large unwanted furniture, etc. and the duty of local authorities to remove. The Act came into effect on the 27th July, 1967, and the authority is required to make available the refuse reception arrangements within one year. The provision of facilities in respect of the removal and disposal of abandoned vehicles must also be provided within one year.

The disposal of such bulky items will obviously lessen the potential life of the tip which at present is expected to last a further 4 to 5 years.

Five private cars were disposed of in the tip during 1967.

The Corporation has continued the scavenging of County Roads as well as the routine emptying of street gullies in the District Roads.

Clean Air Act, 1956.

No action has been necessary.

Eradication of Bed Bugs, Fleas, etc.

One house was successfully treated for fleas.

Tents, Vans and Sheds.

Numerous enquiries are received, particularly in the Summer months for sites for caravans and campers. Most of them find accommodation in the rural areas to the South of the Borough. Observation is, however, kept on the occasional caravan camper who is found parked on the roadside verge or some other similar spot. There are no sites licensed under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, or under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

The Corporation have not adopted Byelaws to control Tents, Vans and Sheds.

Swimming Pools

The Corporation have an open air Swimming Pool known as the "Fitzalan Pool", on land presented by the Duke of Norfolk. It was opened in July, 1960, and incorporates the main pool, a childrens' paddling pool, cafe and grass sun bathing and picnic area.

Both pools are supplied with mains water which is circulated, filtered, chlorinated and aerated through cascades. During term time the Pool was used by fourteen local schools for instructional and recreational purposes.

Samples of the pool water were taken for bacteriological examination and were reported as being of the highest standard of purity.

Rats and Mice Destruction

Matters regarding rodent control are dealt with by the Council's part-time Rodent Operator. As a result of independent investigations, block control and complaints received, only a few minor infestations were discovered and needed attention.

Council properties are regularly treated as a precautionary measure.

Schools.

No alterations were carried out to the sanitary facilities at either of the Schools during the year.

Mortuary

The Corporation owns and maintains a mortuary which is situated in Ford Road adjoining the Cemetery. The building is well equipped and kept in a satisfactory condition.

Petroleum Acts

Eleven licences to store petroleum spirit were issued during 1967 and four visits of inspection were made. The storage arrangements of applicants were satisfactory and no offences were observed.

Premises licensed were as follows :

- (a) Garage premises for re-sale .. 5
- (b) Commercial and Agricultural
consumers (not for re-sale) .. 6

Pet Animals Act, 1951.

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951.

No premises in the district are registered under these Acts.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

The following information was supplied to the Ministry of Labour on Form OSR.14, concerning the administration of this Act for the year ended 31st December, 1967 :

Class of Premises	Premises registered during year	TOTAL REGISTERED PREMISES 31.12.67.	No. of persons employed	Premises generally inspected during year
Offices	-	11	78	6
Retail Shops	-	26	107	19
Wholesale Shops etc.	-	1	3	1
Catering Estab.	-	6	59	6
Fuel Storage Depots	-	2	8	1
Totals	-	46	255	33

Males 112
Females 143

Total
Inspections
64.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963 (Contd.)

Accidents - One accident was reported under the Act - an employee slipped and fell whilst moving stock and dislocated his back.

Factories Act, 1961.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector):

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Inspection s (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
1 Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	8	3	-	-
2 Factories not included in (1) in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority	22	34	2	-
3 Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced (excluding outworkers premises)	3	2	-	-
Totals	33	39	- 2	-

2. CASES in which DEFECTS were found:

Particulars	Number of Cases in which defects were found				Number of Cases where prosecutions instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	H.M. Inspector		
			Ref.to (4)	Ref.by (5)	
Want of cleanliness(S.1.)	2	2	-	-	-
Overcrowding(S.2.)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temp.(S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Vent.(S.4.)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors(S.6.)	1	1	-	-	-
San.Conveniences(S.7.):					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable/Defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other Offences against Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	1	1	-	-	-
Totals	5	5	-	-	-

Factories Act, 1961 (Contd.)

Part VIII of the Act.

Outwork
(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of work	No. of Outworkers in August list required by Section 133	No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel, making, etc.	2	-	-	-	-	-

SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

Under Public Health and Housing Acts:

Infectious Disease	..	..	Nil
Ice Cream Premises	..	..	1
Butchers' Shops	..	..	3
Dairies ..	..	..	2
Other Food Premises	..	..	40
Tents, Vans and Sheds	..	..	Nil
Offices and Shops Act	..	..	64
Public Conveniences	..	..	14
Water Supplies and Appliances	..	..	14
Refuse Disposal and Tips	..	..	67
Sewage Works and Sewers	..	..	27
Building Byelaws	..	..	710
Dangerous Structures	..	..	13
Miscellaneous ..	..	..	109
Re-visits ..	..	..	45
Improvement Grants	..	..	34

Other Visits:

Council House repairs and maintenance	..	49
Council House tenancies	..	21
District Roads ..	..	120
Street Lighting .	..	19
Petroleum Regulations	..	4
Town Planning ..	..	31
Allotments ..	..	2
Swimming Pool ..	..	151
Recreation Grounds	..	104

Works and Improvements:

Houses treated for vermin	..	..	1
Dustbins provided..	..	..	27
Drains re-laid ..	..	..	6
Drains tested ..	..	..	22
Drains cleared ..	..	..	9
New drains laid ..	..	..	16
Premises connected to main drainage	..	..	14
Premises connected to water main	..	..	14
Bucket closets renewed	..	..	1

Summary:

Total number of:

Inspections made for all purposes .. 1936

Notices Served:

(a) Informal.. .. 13

(b) Statutory Nil

Complaints received 20

Nuisances found and abated 15

Interviews:

(a) Building Byelaws	..	..	46
(b) Town Planning..	..	..	107
(c) Advertisements.	..	..	17
(d) Housing Repairs and Tenancies	..	..	60
(e) Street Lighting	..	..	20
(f) Housing - Improvement Grants	..	..	31
(g) Water ..	..	..	6
(h) Refuse collection and disposal	..	..	15
(i) District Roads	..	..	11
(j) Petroleum ..	..	..	3
(k) Sewers and drainage	..	..	12
(l) Miscellaneous .	..	..	71

SECTION IV.

HOUSING

Council Rehousing.

Twenty-four families were rehoused by the Corporation during the year, 8 to fill casual vacancies occurring in existing houses and 16 to new dwellings.

At the close of the year, the waiting list recorded 101 applicants for Council Houses.

Repairs and Maintenance.

Apart from specialists work, all repairs and maintenance to the Corporation properties are carried out by direct labour. Each house contributes £17 per annum to the Housing Repairs Fund.

In addition to repairs and maintenance, the Council operates a free issue scheme for decorating materials as they do not undertake the internal decoration of houses.

New Council Houses.

Sixteen dwellings were completed in 1967. No proposals are in hand for further house building. The provision of varying types of accommodation - 4-3 bedroom houses; 10-2 bedroom flats and 2-1 bedroom flats - has enabled families of varying sizes to be rehoused.

Holmes Foundation.

Through funds made available to the Corporation by the late Mrs. L. Holmes, the Council erected six old peoples' dwellings in 1964. The small remaining balance of this legacy has recently been augmented under the will of the late Mrs. M. Hey.

The Trustees have informed the Council that there should be sufficient funds available in the near future to develop the remaining land on this site. The Corporation have given preliminary instructions regarding such works, and it is hoped further old peoples' dwellings will be erected during 1968.

Almshouses.

Following the modernisation of their pre-war houses, the Council has turned their attention to the Almshouses under their control.

A scheme for the modernisation and improvement of the four single person dwellings in Mount Pleasant has been approved by the Corporation. In view of the lack of space available for modernisation it has been decided to convert the four bungalows into two dwellings. Two of the dwellings became empty thus making the conversion a practical proposition.

Following approval to the scheme by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, an improvement grant was obtained and the works were well in hand at the close of the year.

Malthouse Cottages.

These old cottages were acquired by the Corporation about 1930. Four dwellings then existed but three bungalows were formed out of existing buildings. The dwellings are now in a very poor state structually and lack modern amenities.

The Council have decided upon a policy of gradual clearing and demolition and hope to redevelop the site for housing purposes when clearance has been effected.

So far, the tenants of two houses and two bungalows have been re-housed and the properties remain empty.

Garages.

The Corporation have 91 garages on their Housing Estates, and a further 12 garages are under construction.

Summary of Housing Accommodation administered by the Corporation

Set out herewith are details of accommodation administered by the Corporation at the 31st December, 1967:

Council Houses :

Erected pre-war	..	..	74		
Erected post-war	..	..	188	=	262
Holmes Foundation	..	..	6		
Almshouses ..	..	..	6		
Miscellaneous .	..	..	10	=	22
		TOTAL			284

Private Housing

The year was again one of good progress towards better housing conditions, a large number of alterations, repairs and improvements to the older properties having taken place.

Since 1946, the Corporation have acquired 20 sub-standard houses with the object of demolition. Of these, 19 have been demolished and the other reconditioned, improved and re-let.

The Corporation has endeavoured to continue an effective policy of demolition and closing of houses in such a condition as to be quite unfit for human habitation. During the past twenty years, 51 such houses have been demolished and a further 27 closed. Wherever possible, however, the Council welcomes the submission of schemes of improvements and modernisation of such buildings. By this means, 32 demolition or closing orders have been revoked and good houses resulted. In addition, a number of 'borderline' houses have been reconditioned by means of improvement grants.

In August, 1955, the Council proposed dealing with 40 sub-standard houses in the following 5 years, and a further 20 such houses in the next 5 years. Todate, 64 such dwellings have been dealt with as follows :

Private Housing (Contd.)

(a) Closing Orders:

Orders made	..	..	17
Houses closed	..	..	17
Families rehoused		..	14
Houses still occupied		..	-
Orders revoked after reconditioning			13
Undertakings to recondition accepted			3

(b) Demolition Orders:

Orders made	..	..	34
Houses demolished		..	22
Houses closed	..	..	26
Families rehoused		..	22
Houses still occupied		..	-
Orders revoked after reconditioning			19
Undertakings to recondition accepted			19

(c) Voluntary Repair and Improvement Schemes 13

Improvement Grants.

The introduction of "Standard Grants" under the House Purchase and Housing Act 1959, undoubtedly stimulated interest in respect of housing improvements. This has again been evident from the number of enquiries and applications received.

The following is a summary of applications received and dealt with in 1967 :

Grant		Number of Applicants	Number Approved	Max. Amount Approved
DISCRETIONARY	- Private Houses	-	-	-
	Council Houses	1	1	£ 400
STANDARD	- Private Houses	9	9	960
	Council Houses	1	1	155
TOTALS		11	11	£1515

Grant	Amount Paid	No. of Premises Improved	Owner occupied.	W.C.	Facilities Provided			Larder
					Bath	W.H.B.	Hot Water	
DISCRETIONARY								
Private	£ 380	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
STANDARD								
Private	461	5	4	3	2	2	4	2
Council	142	1	-	1	1	1	1	1
TOTALS	£ 983	7	5	5	4	4	6	4

Rent Act, 1957.

No applications were received for Certificates of Disrepair under this Act.

New Houses - Private Enterprise.

Six houses were completed during 1967.

Seven more houses were erected and 2 were under construction, together with roads and services, on a private estate adjoining the Borough boundary in the Chichester Rural District. This makes some 135 houses in Tortington Parish now linked with the Corporation's sewers and water mains from the Borough.

HOUSING STATISTICS

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year.

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	..	22
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	..	41
(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses under sub-heading (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	..	16
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	..	27
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation		2
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under preceding sub-headings) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	..	9

2. Remedying of Defects during the Year without service of Formal Notice:

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action taken by the Local Authority		24
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3. Remedying of Defects during the Year with service of Formal Notice:

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of formal action taken by the Local Authority	-
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4. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:

(a) Proceedings under the Housing Act, 1957 :

Demolition Orders

(i) Demolition Orders made		-
(ii) Houses demolished		-
(iii) Undertakings accepted		2
(iv) Houses closed and awaiting demolition		1
(v) Demolition Orders revoked		6

Housing Statistics (Contd.)

Closing Orders

(i) Closing Orders made	..	..	..	1
(ii) Houses closed	..	..	..	1
(iii) Closing Orders revoked	..	..	..	-
(iv) Undertakings..	..	..	..	-
(v) Work in progress	..	..	..	-

5. Housing Act, 1957 - Overcrowding.

There are no recorded cases of overcrowding in the Borough, no new cases having been brought to light during 1967.

SECTION V.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply.

All the farms in the Borough are supplied with mains water, and the position at the end of the year was as follows :

Number of farms in the Borough	..	6
Number actually producing milk	..	3
Number of Dairymen (Milk Sellers)	..	3
Number of inspections made of Milk Shops		2
Number of contraventions found	..	Nil

No samples were submitted for biological examination.

Meat and Other Foods.

There are no longer any slaughterhouses in the Borough. Periodic inspections of butchers' shops and vehicles have been carried out during the year as follows :

(a) Butchers' Shops	..	3
(b) Vehicles	..	2

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958.

One renewal licence to slaughter animals was granted by the Corporation during 1967. No new licences were issued.

Food Premises.

There are 69 food premises in the Borough as follows :

Bakehouses	..	..	Nil
Butchers' Shops	..	..	3
Catering Establishments	..	..	16
Confectioners	..	..	12
Chemists	..	..	2
Dairies	..	..	2
Fishmongers	..	..	1
Grocers	..	..	11
Greengrocers	..	..	5
Licensed Premises	..	..	15
Corn Stores	..	..	1
Fried Fish shop	..	..	1

Fifty-six visits of inspections were made to food premises during 1967. Generally, the cafes and food shops maintain a high standard of cleanliness.

Seven infringements of the Food Hygiene Regulations were observed which were rectified by informal action..

Food Condemned at Food Shops.

Two Hands of English Pork (13 lbs.) were found to be unfit for human consumption and condemned.

Bakehouses.

There are no bakehouses in the Borough. All bread sold is imported from other districts and a large proportion is pre-wrapped.

Ice Cream

Twenty-four premises are registered under the Food and Drugs Act for the sale of ice cream. No ice cream is manufactured in the Borough. All products are sold wrapped as delivered to the retailers by the manufacturers.

The results of ice cream samples taken by the Food and Drugs Authority for fat content are not available for inclusion in this report.

Fried Fish Shops

There is one fish frying establishment in the Borough.

Food Adulteration

The West Sussex County Council is the Authority responsible for the Food Adulteration Sections of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

Details of the samples taken in the Borough are not available for inclusion herein.

Water Cress

Visits of inspection were made to the water cress beds during the year. No complaints were received.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

(a) Milk Supplies - Brucella Abortus.

No samples of raw milk were submitted for examination.

(b) The Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations, 1963.

There are no egg pasteurisation plants in the Borough.

(c) Poultry Inspection.

There are no poultry processing premises within the Borough.

(d) Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

<u>Number of premises:</u>	Butchers ..	3
	Confectioners	2
	Restaurants, Cafes	19
	Chemists ..	2
	Bakers ..	3
	Fish Shop ..	1
	Grocers ..	5
	Fruiterers ..	3 = 38.

No. of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16	-	38
No. of premises to which Regulation 19 applies	-	24
No. of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19	-	24

SECTION VI.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF DISEASES

Only eleven notifications of infectious disease - Whooping Cough - were received during 1967.

Cancer.

Nineteen deaths (10 males, 9 females) were attributed to Cancer during the year (6 in 1966).

The Cancer Death Rate for 1967 per thousand of the estimated home population is 7.01 (2.23 in 1966). The corresponding rates for the Administrative County and the Urban and Rural Districts of West Sussex are 3.1, 3.2 and 3.1 respectively.

Diphtheria.

(a) Notifications - No cases of Diphtheria were notified during 1967, nor were any deaths registered as due to this cause.

(b) Immunisation - Immunisation against Diphtheria and other diseases is carried out either at the Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics, or by the General Practitioners, and set out below are details of injections given to persons aged under 16 years during the year :

<u>Antigen</u>	<u>Completed Primary Courses</u>	<u>Reinforcing Injections</u>
Diphtheria	40	132
Whooping Cough	40	42
Tetanus	53	164
Poliomyelitis	43	91

Poliomyelitis

No cases were notified to the Department in 1967. Vaccination against the disease is available to everyone up to 40 years of age. Application forms are available at the Council Offices, at County Hall and at Health Centres and Welfare Clinics.

Smallpox

The following vaccinations were carried out during the year in children up to 15 years of age and recorded by the West Sussex County Council Health Department :

Primary	47
Revaccinations	37

Tuberculosis

No notifications of Tuberculosis were received during 1967, ~~but~~ but one death was recorded as due to this cause.

The following table gives details of the number of cases on the notification register at the end of the year :

Tuberculosis Register

	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Total Cases		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
Cases on Register 1.1.67.	3	4	7	1	2	3	4	6	10
Primary Notifications 1967	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer Cases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	3	4	7	1	2	3	4	6	10
Cases removed in 1967	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cases on Register 31.12.67.	3	4	7	1	2	3	4	6	10

Other Diseases

No notifications were received during the year of the undermentioned diseases :

Cholera	Malaria	Poliomyelitis
Diphtheria	Measles	Puerperal Pyrexia
Dysentery	Membranous Croup	Relapsing Fever
Encephalitis (Acute)	Meningococcal Inf.	Scarlet Fever
Enteric Fever	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Smallpox
Erysipelas	Plague	Typhus Fever
Food Poisoning	Pneumonia	Tuberculosis

Details of Notifications received of Measles, Scarlet Fever and Whooping Cough since 1958.

Disease	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Measles	85	3	42	7	-	24	57	27	36	-
Scarlet Fever	8	5	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	4	6	-	-	-	-	-	11



